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5 PARK SQUARE,
BOSTON.

Dear Noble:

We want you as a member of the Scimitar Club.

The project of a Shrine Club has often been talked of, but usually on a very large scale, which would include a Temple, club rooms, a hotel, in fact, a large affair that would involve enormous expense.

In this connection we find that the time is not yet ripe for such an undertaking, BUT DON'T YOU PERSONALLY THINK THAT ALL GREAT THINGS HAVE SMALL BEGINNINGS?

The time is right now, and the opportunity has come. It is possible, at a fraction of the original cost, to acquire a club and location, all completed. A commercial club of only a few weeks existence has gone into the hands of a receiver, and has been acquired by us. Located at 20 Kilby Street, near State, and only two or three minutes from the State Street subway station, it is very convenient.

Briefly, there are three floors, beautifully fitted at a cost of \$23,000, and includes a very convenient and cosy dining room, seating 82 people. It is impossible to describe everything or the complete plans in a letter, but will be very glad to give all details on request.

BUT QUICK ACTION IS NECESSARY.

It is proposed to organize this club. Any Shriner is eligible, but no member of Aleppo Temple may have access to the Club unless he become a member. Visiting members of other Temples may, of course, be admitted on visitor's cards.

We invite you to one of the three following propositions, and sincerely trust and believe you will enroll under one of them.

First. It is desired that one hundred Aleppo members will subscribe \$100 for an organization or charter member bond. This bond will differ from an ordinary life membership, as said bond will be redeemable at the option of the holder or by vote of the Board of Directors. As interest, it will carry with it exemption from annual dues.

Second. One thousand shares of common stock will be issued of the denomination of \$20 each, the same to bear interest at a rate to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Third. Regular active membership will be fixed at \$10 yearly dues for those members living within a forty-mile radius of Boston, and \$5 yearly dues for those living beyond that distance.

All service at the Club will be brought to the lowest possible cost to members, and will be THE BEST. Also a strictly business management of the Club's affairs is guaranteed.

THERE IS GOING TO BE A CLUB AND A GOOD ONE. WON'T YOU GET ON THE BAND WAGON?

Enclosed you will find application blank. Please fill it out and return at once.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS H. APPLETON.
JAS. S. BLAKE.
CHESTER I. CAMPBELL.
J. EVELETH GRIFFITH.
A. L. GREEN.
FRANK J. HOWARD.
S. C. L. HASKELL.

WALTER W. MORRISON.
EDW. L. MARSH.
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JOS. W. WORK.

Address all communications to
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5 Park Square, Boston

Make checks payable to
CHESTER I. CAMPBELL, *Temporary Treasurer.*

20 Kilby St., Boston,

November 11, 1913.

My dear Noble:-

I am sending you this personal letter because I am so deeply interested in the success of the Scimitar Club, and because I feel that the Shriners do not fully appreciate what beautiful Club rooms we have, or how zealously the Executive Board is working with the sole object in view of getting a perfect home for Shriners which is to be handled in such an economical and high-grade way that all Shriners will be delighted.

Our daily attendance, as compared to the present membership, is splendid, but our membership, when we consider that there are over 6800 Shriners belonging to Aleppo Temple alone, is not as large as it ought to be, or as it deserves. Now by a unanimous vote of the Executive Board I am giving you the following information:-

From this date, until our annual election in December, the Club will be open to all Shriners and their friends. Shriners partaking of our splendid noon lunch, from 11 to 2.30, or a la carte from 9 A.M. to midnight, and wishing to invite friends with them, will be permitted during this period to do so whether or not they are members of the Club, and will have the privilege of paying their checks for meals and cigars at the cashier's desk just the same as a member. If any other refreshments are desired, they can be obtained by some member of the Club signing the check for them, which they will take great pleasure in doing.

Now I am making this personal appeal to you as the President of the Scimitar Club, and opening up the way for you to affiliate with us for the next month whether or not you wish to become a member. Come as often as you can, thereby making us better acquainted as Shriners and bringing us into closer, brotherly affection, and inquire of yourself very carefully as to whether you do not think that you ought to become a member (when the low price is considered) and help make this a Club of which all Shriners in the New England Territory will be proud. You will find some one of the House Committee, or some member of the Executive Board, at the Club each day, who will gladly explain to you anything that you may not fully understand. They are devoting their time gratuitously at the expense of their business for the success of the Club and with no hope of other reward.

This Club is intended for you. Won't you take an interest to the extent of at least coming to look it over and realize what we are doing?

Yours Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William C. Page". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Yours Fraternally,".